

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A seating arrangement which comprises:

a seat base;

a seat back extending upwardly from the seat base, the seat back comprising an upholstered box frame;

a backrest comprising an upholstered box frame, the backrest being displaceably arranged relative to the seat base between a first, retracted position in which the backrest is substantially in register with the seat ~~[[base]]~~ back and a second, extended position in which at least a part of the backrest protrudes upwardly beyond a top edge of the seat back; and

a fluid-operated displacement mechanism arranged in a concealed location between the seat back and the backrest, the displacement mechanism effecting displacement of the backrest from its first position to its second position, at least a part of the displacement mechanism being carried within the box frame of the backrest.

2. (currently amended) The seating arrangement of claim 1 in which the seat base, ~~the seat back and the backrest each comprise~~ also comprises an upholstered frame.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The seating arrangement of claim 1 which includes a locking mechanism, the locking mechanism locking the backrest in at least its first position relative to the seat ~~[[base]]~~ back.

5. (original) The seating arrangement of claim 4 in which the locking mechanism includes an engageable member carried on one of the seat back and the backrest, the other of the

seat back and the backrest carrying an engaging member which engages the engageable member when the backrest is in its first position relative to the seat back.

6. (original) The seating arrangement of claim 5 which includes an operating mechanism that operates the engaging member for releasing the engageable member.

7. (original) The seating arrangement of claim 6 in which the operating mechanism is a concealed operating mechanism.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The seating arrangement of claim [[8]] 1 in which the fluid operated displacement mechanism is in the form of at least one pneumatic piston/cylinder assembly.

10. (original) The seating arrangement of claim 1 which includes a guide means, the guide means guiding the displacement of the backrest relative to the seat back.

11. (currently amended) The seating arrangement of claim 1 in which the displacement mechanism is a ~~concealed displacement mechanism~~ interposed between the seat back and the backrest, the displacement mechanism permitting reversible displacement of the backrest from its first position to its second position.